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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PINS, SW
SUBJECT: GOS TO RELEASE FILES ON RAUL WALLENBERG

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SWEDISH CABINET ON SEPTEMBER 21 ANNOUNCED THAT THE GREATER PART OF ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CASE OF RAUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST IN 1945, WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. ATTORNEY GENERAL INGVAR GULLNAS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW THE MORE THAN 10,000 DOCUMENTS INVOLVED TO DETERMINE WHAT MATERIAL CAN BE RELEASED. THESE INCLUDE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS OVER THE YEARS AND "WITNESS REPORTS" FROM NEARLY 1,000 PERSONS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE REPORTED BEING CONFINED IN VARIOUS SOVIET PRISONS WITH WALLENBERG. ALL DOCUMENTS ON THE CASE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED AND FALL UNDER THE SECURITY ACT WHICH PROVIDES PROTECTION FOR 50 YEARS. ONLY TESTIMONY FROM PERSONS WHO HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT HE OR SHE REMAIN ANONYMOUS AS WELL AS CERTAIN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE WITHHELD. SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER THE CABINET DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 21, MFA SECGEN LEIF LEIFLAND ESTIMATED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A YEAR FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COMPLETE HIS REVIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION.

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HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM HAD

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BEEN INFORMED OF THE GOS DECISION ALSO ON SEPTEMBER 21.

2. THE SINGLE SOVIET RESPONSE OVER THE YEARS TO COUNTLESS SWEDISH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION WAS A SOVIET STATEMENT IN 1966 OR 1967 THAT EVIDENCE HAD BEEN FOUND THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN LYUBLYANKA PRISON IN MOSCOW ON JULY 17, 1947. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THE GOS HAS OFTEN SOUGHT USG ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAR UP WALLENBERG'S STATUS, THE LAST TIME IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1978. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED THE SWEDES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. ON SEPTEMBER 26, A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT FOLLOWING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INDICATION OF WHAT MATERIAL CAN BE RELEASED, THE MFA MOST PROBABLY WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FINAL REVIEW. HE SERIOUSLY DOUBTED THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED IN CONFIDENCE BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT ON THE WALLENBERG CASE WOULD BE CLEARED FOR RELEASE. THE SAME OFFICIAL CONCLUDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT SWEDES HAVE GIVEN UP ALL HOPE OF DETERMINING STATUS OR FATE OF WALLENBERG. MARTENS

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